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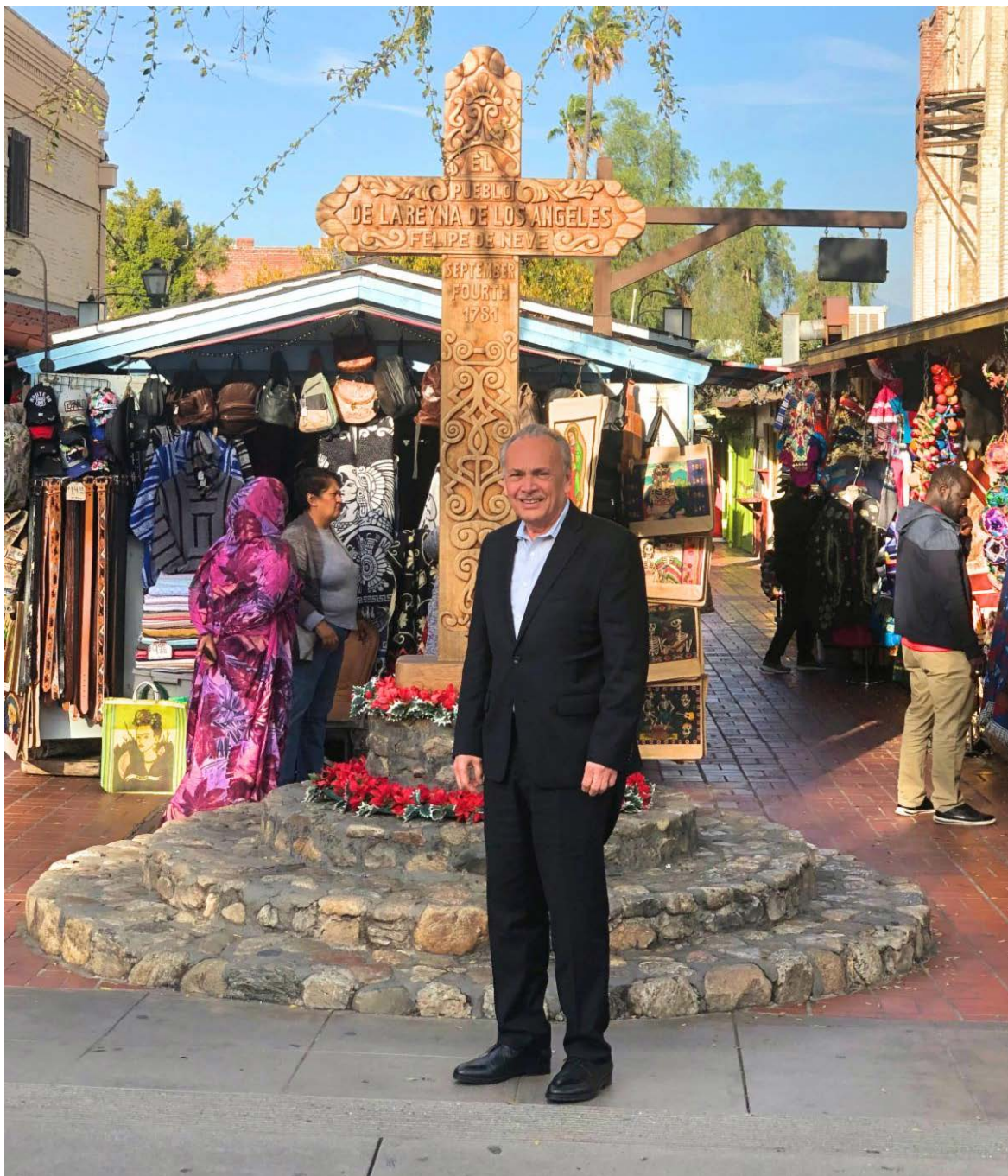


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Pic of the Week



Congratulates to the new General Manager of El Pueblo **Arturo Chavez**. He comes to the job after many years of experience working for the City Council. We look forward to his leadership at El Pueblo for many years to come.

To submit A Pic of The Week, contact josue.landa@lacity.org

Pershing Square Redesign



In 2015, a design competition received 50 applications for the redesign of Pershing Square, the City's oldest park. From there, ten semifinalists were chosen and then four finalists. Agence Ter was chosen from the four finalists as the winning firm.

The new design will be implemented in a phased approach. Phases One and Two are focused on creating a more open, shaded, and accessible space. Phase One will include the removal of barrier walls along Olive Street, opening the park to the street. More than 20 new shade trees will be planted at plaza and park edges along Olive Street, 5th Street and 6th Street. Existing escalators will be replaced with open, day-lit glass elevators and a staircase to provide access from the plaza to all garage levels. A unified facility and wayfinding signage system will round out Phase One upgrades.

Phase Two will begin immediately after completion of Phase One. It will consist of the removal of the barrier wall, tower, and aqueduct along Hill Street. A grand pedestrian promenade along Hill Street will be installed, complete with shade trees and hardscape. New open, day-lit elevators, and staircase will provide access to all garage levels from Hill Street. The area around the existing circular fountain will be converted to green, open

space. This phase will also include a landscaped pet-care area.

Councilmember Huizar and the Department of Recreation and Parks worked together to secure the full \$25 million in funding necessary for the first two phases of the redesign. It is anticipated that Phase One will begin construction by the end of 2020 with completion estimated by the end of 2022. Phase Two construction will begin once the first phase is completed. It is anticipated to finish early to mid-2024.

See more about this exciting project at [CBS Los Angeles](#), [LA Curbed](#), [LAist](#), [LA Downtown News](#) and [LACityview 35](#).

Second Bin Storage Opens in DTLA



Storage of personal items is an issue for those experiencing homelessness in our City. On Skid Row, this problem is compounded by the number of people on the street.

On December 11, 2019 the City Council approved Councilmember Huizar's motion directing \$1.6 million to create and operate a second homeless storage facility. This month, the location opened increasing the storage capacity for the homeless in Skid Row from 1,550 to 2,550 bins.

"Expanded storage options mean that individuals can now secure their belongings. The importance of this cannot be understated. Safe storage means that what needs to be done can be done - looking for a job, attending training and education, receiving services, or seeking shelter - all of these things are far easier when an individual doesn't have to carry their possessions with them everywhere they go," said Councilmember Huizar. "It's clear that each action we take is a piece that fits into a larger puzzle. It's equally clear that each piece represents a life that matters."



Nonprofit Chrysalis manages The Bin locations. Access is provided Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chrysalis is dedicated to creating a pathway to self-sufficiency for people experiencing homelessness and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to prepare for, find, and retain employment. It currently employs 25 of their clients at the Bin locations to provide safe storage for the homeless community.

Motion to Study Car-Free Broadway



This week, Councilmember José Huizar introduced a motion to explore the option of creating a car-free zone on Broadway in DTLA. The motion acknowledges the uniqueness of Broadway and asks for a recommendation that will keep the historical culture of the area while adding the benefit of walkable streets.

The Historic Broadway Theater District is an important National Register Historical District and is known as the birthplace of theatrical and cinematic entertainment in Los Angeles.

Once considered the commercial and retail capital of the United States, the area has benefited from the revitalization from Councilmember Huizar's 2008 Bringing Back Broadway initiative.

Policy changes, ordinances, and initiatives associated with the Councilmember's past efforts have greatly improved the economic status of the area. Nine of the corridor's twelve historic theaters are now back in operation or have been repurposed into vibrant retail use. New entertainment options, hotels, bars, and restaurants have created a vibrant social scene. Broadway is back.

Market analysis shows that since 2010, the efforts have resulted in a 23% increase in average wages, a 52% increase in residents who live on Broadway, and gross receipts increased by 112%, bringing in over a billion dollars of new gross receipts revenues.

Councilmember Huizar has introduced this motion to further aid in the development of the historic corridor. It instructs Economic and Workforce Development Department with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation, and Department of City Planning to report on the feasibility of creating a car-free Broadway between 1st and 12th Streets.

Check out our media coverage: [KTLA](#), [CBS](#), [LA Curbed](#), [LAist](#), [Urbanize LA](#), and [Patch](#).

CD 14 Offices Closed, Monday, February 17



In honor of **President's Day**, our offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, and will resume Tuesday, February 18.

Upcoming Events

Puppy Love

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks and Pershing Square Park Advisory Board Presents...

Puppy Love!

Featuring:
DJ DOG HOUND!

A FREE
Valentine's Celebration
with your K9 Pet!
FEBRUARY 15, 2020
Pershing Square
11:AM - 3:PM

ADOPT A PET!

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Lover's Rock





Red Envelope Show



This year's exhibition features red envelopes decorated by contemporary artists across the United States in celebration of the Year of the Rat.

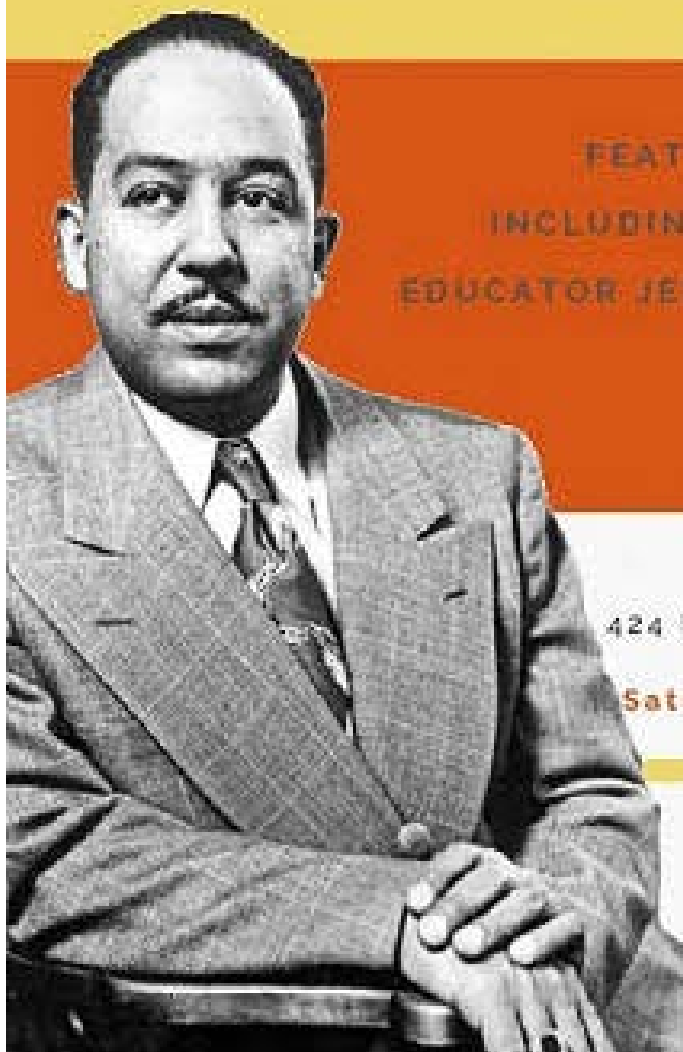
Open February 5 - March 29, 2020
Tuesday - Sunday | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Chinese American Museum
425 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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CA 90012
Saturday, February 22, 2020
3-4PM



Enjoy a special presentation celebrating the life of Langston Hughes by local artists,
including jazz musician and educator Jerzy George Kossek.

Saturday, February 22, 2020
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pico House
424 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Breaking Barriers

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**AN EXHIBITION IN HONOR OF AFRICAN
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH &
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

FEATURING THESE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS AND MANY MORE:



From left to right: Harriet Tubman (Women's Suffrage, Underground Railroad),
Langston Hughes (Literary Arts), Jessica Cooper (NPS), Nell Navarrette (NPS).

February 1 - April 12, 2020

Open Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gateway to Nature Center

130 Pasco de la Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012



Presented by the National Park Service, United States Forest Service, El Pueblo Historical Monument, and El Pueblo Park Association, this exhibition shares historic information about exceptional African American leaders, and stories of groundbreaking women working in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Open through April 12, 2020
Friday - Sunday | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gateway to Nature Center
130 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Community Calendar

DOWNTOWN LA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Tuesday of every month | 6:30 p.m. Palace Theater
630 S. Broadway

ART WALK DTLA

2nd Thursday of every month | 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Historic Core: Between 4th & 7th and Spring & Main St.

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Main Street, between First and Temple Streets

HISTORIC CULTURAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Tuesday of every month | 6 p.m.
Alternating Locations

HISTORIC CORE FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5th street between Broadway and Spring Street/2 blocks from Pershing Sq Metro Station

THE WALL FOOD + FLOWERS + FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Heart of the Los Angeles Flower District on Wall Street between 7th & 8th

Help the community!

Volunteer Now!



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